

State highway system change

April 2005

WIS 13 and WIS 80 rerouting

Proposed changes

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proposing to make route changes to WIS 13 and WIS 80 in Wood and Portage counties in 2013.

The proposed changes include:

- Rerouting WIS 13 to run concurrent with WIS 34 and US 10 from Wisconsin Rapids to Marshfield.
- Extending WIS 80 from Pittsville to US 10 on existing WIS 13.

WIS 73 and WIS 34 will remain on their current route.

These changes will provide a more direct route for motorists traveling to US 10 and I-90/94. The distance between Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield will also be reduced by one mile.

Motorists will also benefit from efficient travel by avoiding indirection to Veterans Parkway (WIS 13) in Marshfield and taking advantage of the most current safety and design standards used on the Veterans Parkway, WIS 34 and the future US 10.

Due to the new US 10 construction, an estimated 750 vehicles per day will shift to the proposed WIS 13 from its current route. We expect an additional 400 vehicles per day will shift as a result of the proposed rerouting of WIS 13.

The changes will be implemented when the new US 10 is completed from Marshfield to Stevens Point, which is currently scheduled for 2013.

Hearings and comment period

Concerned citizens are encouraged to attend one of the public hearings regarding the future US 10 improvements and the proposed state highway system changes.

The hearings are scheduled for:

- March 2, 2005, Auburndale Elementary School, 4 to 8 p.m.
- March 3, 2005, Kennedy Elementary, Junction City, 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Written testimony will also be accepted. Written comments, postmarked before March 18, 2005, should be sent to Matthew Bronson at the WisDOT District 4 office.

Project schedule:

Public information meeting

- February 15, 2005

Public hearings

- March 2 and 3, 2005

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- Currently expected to occur in 2013

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